

NIE-18

THE PROBABILITY OF SOVIET EMPLOYMENT OF BW AND CW
IN THE EVENT OF ATTACKS UPON THE U.S.

1. NIE-18 has been prepared at the request of NSRB for guidance in civil defense planning.
2. The attached draft of NIE-18, dated 26 December 1950, has the concurrence of the representatives of the Departments of State, the Army, the Air Force and the Navy on the Joint BW and CW Intelligence Committees.
3. An earlier draft of NIE-18, dated 21 December 1950, was forwarded to NSRB with the statement that:

"Because of the urgency, this draft is being forwarded to NSRB prior to coordination with the Intelligence Advisory Committee. Following coordination, the final estimate will be disseminated as National Intelligence Estimate-18. This paper is based on information available on 15 December 1950."
4. The draft of 21 December 1950 as forwarded to NSRB differs in minor respects from the attached draft of 26 December 1950, as a result of the comments of the Joint BW and CW Intelligence Committees.

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